

Agency 57 - Nebraska Oil & Gas Commission

Statutory Authority:

Statutory Authority: 57-104

Statutory Authority: 57-601 through 57-609

Statutory Authority: 57-901 through 57-922

Vision Statement:

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Goals:

The Commission now maintains a significant amount of well data, including the injection well inventory, and production data in RBDMS. RBDMS, an application developed through a Department of Energy grant, runs on the Commission's network using Microsoft Access 2000 and Microsoft SQL Server 7.0. The Commission will upgrade the backend or data tables to SQL Server 2000 in October 2002. The Commission feels having all pertinent data in one system will provide easier access to the data by the public or other interested parties.

Financial Data:

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General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	505,022	576,756	570,066	581,694	547,566	569,764

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Program 335 - Oil & Gas Conservation Commission

Program Objectives:

1. To promote the development of oil and gas resources within the state in such a manner as will prevent waste and be protective of correlative rights.
2. To insure that all drilling operations are conducted in an acceptable manner with a minimum potential for harm or damage to the environment, both surface and subsurface.
3. To provide that all wells are cased, cemented and/or plugged in a manner which will prevent migration of fluids from their source to other reservoirs or aquifers.

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Performance Measures:

1. Evaluation of the oil and gas conservation program would indicate that the continuing program is effective. The percentage of original oil-in-place that is produced from Nebraska reservoirs is among the highest in the nation even though the majority of Nebraska reservoirs are "undersaturated depletion" types which exhibit low recovery. Secondary recovery has been very successful and new units continue to be established.
2. At this time, no complaints are on file alleging waste, disproportionate drainage or damage resulting from underground trespass due to improper drilling, completion or plugging practices.
3. Production and injection data are input into the databases every month before the next month's data are received. These data are transmitted to several public data source companies.
4. The well data, posted to the web-site, has been successfully utilized by several exploration companies in the preparation of drilling prospects.